

**32 RESCUED;  
116 DOOMED****Fearful Calamity in an English  
Coal Mine****FOLLOWS 2 EXPLOSIONS**

All of the Rescued Miners Were Frightfully Burned—Most of Them Are Still in the Blocked Passages.

Newcastle, England, Feb. 17.—Thirty-two miners, frightfully burned, were rescued from the Stanley coal mine, twelve miles from here, this morning following two heavy explosions yesterday afternoon. Eight bodies were also taken out. One hundred and eight miners are still unaccounted for. The passages leading into the place where they are entombed are blocked by tons of fallen stone. The approaches are also so shaky that the lives of the rescuing party are constantly in danger. It is believed that all who are in the mine must perish.

The explosions came at about four o'clock yesterday afternoon. Almost immediately after the explosion flames burst through the shaft, scorching the workers at the pit head and blowing out the fencing and apparatus at the entrance to the mine. The flames spread rapidly and it was impossible for the rescuing parties to descend into the workings. Thousands of anxious people gathered at the mouth of the pit but for hours the fire burned furiously. At midnight it was impossible to attempt a rescue and it was many hours before the entrance was cleared.

An explosion involving 320 lives occurred at the same colliery in 1882.

**FOUR WERE KILLED.**

When Train Was Wrecked By Broken Rail on Trestle.

Murphyboro, Ill., Feb. 17.—Four passengers were killed and 36 injured yesterday when an Illinois Central train, bound from St. Louis to New Orleans, was wrecked on a trestle by running into a broken rail six miles east of Murphyboro.

The injured include the Rev. H. M. McClellan of Murphyboro and 16 members of the Perry Hastings theatrical company. The train was running 55 miles an hour as it approached a trestle where the locomotive hit a broken rail. The locomotive passed over the trestle safely, but the baggage car and the smoking car went off the track and threw the four remaining cars down an embankment.

**LAWYER BEING TRIED**

On the Charge of Attempting to Bribe a Witness in Trial.

New York, Feb. 17.—The state's case against Carl Fischer Hansen, the lawyer, indicted for attempting to bribe a witness during a recent trial in which the lawyer was charged with extorting money from Joseph E. O'Brien, a Philadelphia decorator, was presented to the jury yesterday.

The prosecutors said that in the extortion case the defendant lawyer paid Anthony Macaluso, the principal witness against him, the sum of \$500 to influence testimony in his behalf. He said the state would seek to prove that Arthur Kinslow, a subpoena server, acted as an intermediary in passing the money.

**THE BASE BALL SEASON.**

Schedule Will Start April 14—Chicago and New York Meet May 11.

Chicago, Feb. 17.—The base ball season of 1909 will open April 14 according to the National league schedule made public yesterday. Brooklyn will play at New York, Philadelphia at Boston, Pittsburgh at Cincinnati and St. Louis at Chicago. The first meeting between Chicago and New York will not occur until May 11 at New York. Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis get one holiday each at home. Pittsburgh is given three and the other teams two each. The Saturdays at home are evenly divided.

**WILL INCREASE GIFT.**

Carnegie Will Put Up Three Branch Libraries in Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, Feb. 17.—Librarian D. C. Hedges of the public library has received a letter from Andrew Carnegie saying that he will augment his gift of \$180,000 made several years ago for new public libraries in this city with \$100,000, and that this sum is now at the disposal of the Cincinnati library authorities. Three new branch library buildings will be erected with the \$100,000.

**THINKS IT WILL PASS.**

To Force Mongolian Exclusion from the State of Montana.

Helena, Mont., Feb. 17.—After having canvassed the House through Representative Norton of Silver Bow last night, announced that the memorial of which he is the author, asking that Congress continue in force the Chinese exclusion act and enlarge its scope to include all Mongolians, would pass the House by a large majority.

**SIXTY VILLAGES DESTROYED.**

And 6,000 People Killed By Earthquake on January 28.

Teheran, Feb. 17.—Delayed messages received from provincial authorities in the Luristan province say that sixty villages were destroyed and 6,000 people were killed in an earthquake on January 28.

**TAFT FEELS SURE  
KNOX IS ELIGIBLE**

Made That Statement Last Night Following Two Conferences on The Matter Yesterday.

Washington, Feb. 17.—In the opinion of President-elect Taft Philander C. Knox is now legally eligible to receive the appointment of secretary of state. That he will be the premier in the Taft cabinet was again positively stated by Mr. Taft last night at the White House the statement being made after two conferences yesterday between the President-elect and Mr. Knox.

Mr. Taft went further and gave it as his opinion that no court on the constitutionality of Mr. Knox's coming appointment for the reason that the first question that would arise in such a proceeding would be whether Mr. Knox was a veto official of the government. This question he maintained would have to be answered in the affirmative, and there the proceeding would end.

That Mr. Knox shares these views was made evident by Mr. Taft in the unequivocal declaration that the Pennsylvania governor was to be his secretary of state.

**LIVED IN A CELL FROM CHOICE.**

William J. Rothwell, Tailor of Norfolk County House of Correction, is Dead.

Boston, Feb. 17.—William J. Rothwell, one of the characters in the Norfolk county house of correction, died yesterday of heart disease, after a year's illness. Mr. Rothwell has been known as the tailor of the institution for many years. He was born in Manchester, Eng., March 4, 1833; his father was formerly the proprietor of the Bull's Head Inn in that city. Young Rothwell came to this country and settled in Lowell, working as a journeyman tailor. His connection with the jail at Dedham dates from 1868, when he took over the tailoring business. He was then in the Norfolk district, for a petty offense. He readily took to the jail life, and had lived there ever since, part of the time as a prisoner but mainly as the institution's tailor. For the past fifteen years, he had made the jail his home. He was in cell 13, which was comfortably fitted for his use. In this time, there has been no sentence against him and he was free to go and come at his will. He made all the clothes worn by the prisoners during this period and had often nursed them in sickness. He had remarkable control over them and was the best trusted of the jail officers ever had.

**WARRANT FOR ACTOR HACKETT.**

He Is Charged With Obtaining Jewelry Under False Pretenses.

Chicago, Feb. 17.—A warrant was recently sworn out it was learned yesterday for the arrest of Walter Hackett, a playwright, on a charge of obtaining under false pretenses jewelry valued at \$100 from William J. Mead, a company of Chicago. The complaint alleges that Hackett obtained the jewelry in June, 1908, and tendered in payment drafts which proved to be worthless.

Hackett is the author, with F. Marion Crawford, of "The White Sister," which received its first production in this city last night. Hackett yesterday had his first clash with the courts. He was arrested for nonpayment of a board bill of \$500, said to have been due the Stratford hotel. Although he settled his score before his case came up for trial, he was held in custody until the jewellers swore out their warrant.

**THE FLEET'S PLANS.**

Are Sent on By Admiral Sperry By Wireless Route.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Admiral Sperry yesterday sent by wireless to the navy department the names of the battleships of his fleet which will remain at anchor in Hampton Roads until after March 1 in order to send balloons from their crews to the inaugural parade in Washington. These vessels are the Connecticut, Virginia, Louisiana, Wisconsin, Georgia, Illinois, Kearsarge, and Kentucky the latter three of which will be placed out of commission on their arrival at their navy yards. The remaining eight battleships will leave Hampton Roads for their home navy yards for repairs immediately after inspection by the admiral which will take place as soon as practicable after the review by the president.

**COST TOO MUCH.**

Two Battleships to Be Trimmed Down, Says Committee.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—By an amendment to the naval appropriation bill adopted last night by the Senate, the size of the two battleships authorized is limited to 21,000 tons and their cost exclusive of armor and armament to \$4,500,000 each. The House provision was for two first class battleships to cost, exclusive of armor or armament, not exceeding \$8,000,000 each. It was the idea to construct ships of 26,000 tons displacement. Mr. Chapp offered an amendment which was adopted, making the type of ships to be built similar to the Utah and Florida, the two 21,000-ton Dreadnoughts now being constructed, and limiting their costs.

**TEN YEARS' SENTENCE.**

Imposed on 14 Years Old Boy Who Murdered Another Boy.

Worcester, Mass., Feb. 17.—A sentence of not less than 10 nor more than 15 years in state prison was pronounced in superior court yesterday by Judge Pierce, upon 15-year-old Robert W. Krantz, son of Gustaf Krantz of this city, upon his pleading guilty to a charge of manslaughter in killing W. B. Jones, aged 13, last December. Jones was a son of A. W. Jones of Shrewsbury. Young Krantz confessed that he and young Jones were fighting on Lake Quinsigamond and he shot Jones in order to obtain possession of the latter's revolver. Krantz was indicted for murder in the second degree, but the district attorney accepted a plea of guilty of manslaughter.

**CANAL SCHEME  
IS ALL RIGHT****Says President Roosevelt in  
Special Message****LOCK TYPE IS PROPER ONE**

It Would Be "Inexcusable Folly" Now to Change to the Sea Level Canal, He Said in Message to Congress.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—President Roosevelt put his official "O. K." on the present plan of construction of the Panama canal in a special message to Congress today, accompanying it with the report of the consulting engineers who went with President-elect Taft when he recently visited the isthmus. The president cordially indorses the conclusions of the engineers that the lock type of canal is the proper one.

"In fact," he says, "it would be an inexcusable folly to change to a sea level one."

He also approves lowering the Gatun dam 20 feet, as recommended by the engineers. He says that this change has been ordered.

"The board of engineers," says the president, "are all leading men in their profession within or without the United States, men who are best qualified to pass on the questions examined. They show that the only criticism that can be made of the work is that too much caution is shown in providing against possible trouble."

The message follows a conference between Roosevelt and Taft yesterday, when the latter had returned to Washington from his tour of inspection. They were in conference for two hours, the consulting engineers being also present. Mr. Taft explained to President Roosevelt that his report was intended to give a general comprehensive view of the canal situation. In accordance with a request to the board of engineers they are to make a supplemental report later to Col. Goethals, which will deal with a number of purely technical engineering questions, such as the amount of cement to be used in various lock constructions, the lock machinery, and such matters.

**INDICTMENTS BROUGHT  
BY GRAND JURY**

Charging Criminal Libel Against the Owners and Editors of the New York World and the Indianapolis News.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—The grand jury of the District of Columbia this afternoon reported indictments, charging criminal libel, against the owners and editors of the New York World and the Indianapolis News, on account of a recent publication reflecting on President Roosevelt. Elinor Root, Charles P. Taft, step-brother of the president-elect, Douglass Robertson, brother-in-law of President Roosevelt, and William Nelson Cromwell, in connection with the purchase of the Panama canal.

Of the indictments, five counts were against the New York World, Joseph Pulitzer, Caleb Van Hatten and R. N. Lyman, and there were seven counts against Volcan Smith and C. R. Williams of Indianapolis.

**FAVORABLE REPORT.**

On Canadian Fisheries Treaty in the Senate Today.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—A favorable report on the Canadian fisheries treaty was ordered today by the Senate committee on foreign relations. Efforts will be made to secure a ratification of the treaty at this session, but if the plan fails the treaty will be considered at the special session in March.

**SPECIAL SESSION.**

Of Congress to Be Called Together March 15.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—It has been decided to hold a special session of Congress on March 15, the date having been fixed at a conference between Taft, Cannon, Knox, and Hale. Representative Payne, chairman of the ways and means committee, made the announcement in the House today.

**LIFEBOATS SWEEP AWAY.**

From Three of the Atlantic Fleet Battleships on Sunday.

Charlestown, Mass., Feb. 17.—Messages from the home-bound Atlantic fleet today represent the flagship Connecticut as being 1,220 miles from Cape Henry. They say that there is a smooth sea, fair weather, and all is going well. On Sunday they passed through a heavy sea, and the decks were swept by a high sea. Three ships lost their lifeboats. Communication with the coast is difficult, owing to interference by amateur wireless operators.

**AN EDITOR SUICIDES.**

F. R. Haight of The New Haven Register Cuts His Throat.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 17.—F. R. Haight, editor of the New Haven Register, and a graduate of Yale university, committed suicide this morning by cutting his throat with a razor.

Hair-cuts received at Mier's shop are asymmetrical and becoming.

**CRACK BALL PLAYER DEAD.**

Joel Allen, Captain of '92 Ball Team at University of Vermont.

Burlington, Feb. 17.—Friends in this city have just received information of the death, at the Montreal general hospital, of Joel Allen, a graduate of the university in the class of 1892. Mr. Allen will be remembered by all base ball enthusiasts and former students as captain and third baseman of the crack team of 1892.

He took his degree in the engineering department, and on graduation entered the employ of the Illinois Steel company, with headquarters at Chicago. After several years of service with this company he became connected with the Snares & Trieste company of New York, contracting engineers, being for several years until obliged to give up work last July at the head of their drafting department. Periculous anæmia finally developed and within a few months proved fatal.

Mr. Allen was unmarried, his immediate surviving relatives being a brother, Roy, formerly a student in the high school here and now practicing dentistry in St. Johnsbury, and a married sister, residing in North Hero. He was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity in the university. Throughout his course he was one of the most popular men in college, his frank, genial manner and clean character commanding the respect and esteem of all his associates.

The funeral services and burial will be at North Hero on Thursday, the 18th inst.

**NORTHFIELD CHANGE.**

Bellevue Falls Man Buys Into Mercantile Business.

Northfield, Feb. 17.—An important business change in the retail trade in Northfield will take place the first of next month when F. E. Colburn will form a partnership with Ira A. Adams of Bellevue Falls, in the clothing business, which the former has so successfully conducted for some years. Mr. Adams, who has had a long experience in the retail clothing trade, will move his family here at once and Northfield will gain socially as well as from a business standpoint by acquiring Mr. Adams. The Bellevue Falls Times says: "Ira A. Adams, manager of Wilson & Root's clothing store, will sever his connection with that firm on Saturday, February 20, and on March 1 will become a partner of F. E. Colburn of Northfield, dealers in clothing and mercantile goods. The Colburn company has been in business in Northfield for years. Mr. Adams has been manager of the local store of Wilson & Root's for the last two years and had been previously a clerk for the former owners, O. D. Gray & Co., for 18 years. Mr. Adams has been for a score of years one of the town's most popular men and is held in high esteem as a man of pronounced business acumen, of sterling worth and honesty and an efficient citizen. Mr. Adams' ability in making and holding friends will greatly aid him in his new future. The cordials of his future success are expressed to him by his many friends, and what is Bellevue Falls' loss is Northfield's gain. Mr. Adams is a member of local societies and is an attendant of the Baptist church."

BURLINGTON TO CELEBRATE.  
Citizens Vote to Appropriate \$10,000 For Champlain Celebration.

Burlington, Feb. 17.—At the city meeting yesterday, the voters of Burlington gave their endorsement to the proposition to pledge the city's credit for \$10,000 for the local celebration of the Champlain centennial next July. The resolution being adopted by a majority of 608.80. The total number of votes cast was 1,224. The total yes vote was 866 and the no vote 226.

The ballot boxes were open from three o'clock to eight o'clock. Mayor Bigelow presiding with M. C. Grady as clerk. The following resolution was introduced by James H. Macomber.

Resolved, That the city council of the city of Burlington be authorized to issue the negotiable note or notes of the city of Burlington to an amount not to exceed \$10,000, payable at such times and in such sums as said city council may deem proper, for the purpose of raising money to observe the 500th anniversary of the discovery of Lake Champlain by Samuel de Champlain, in co-operation with the state of Vermont for the celebration of that event; said note or notes to run for a term not exceeding six months and to bear interest at a rate not exceeding 4 per centum per annum, payable semi-annually; all to be done in accordance with the enabling act for said purpose passed by the general assembly of the state of Vermont at the session of 1908 and with the charter of said city and the laws of the state of Vermont.

The city council shall do all things necessary to carry the purpose of this resolution into effect.

**VERMONT GETS PLACE.**

Walter A. Dane Appointed a Member of The Inaugural Committee.

Manchester, Feb. 17.—Walter A. Dane, a former teacher at Burr and Burton seminary, in this village and now secretary to T. A. Newberry, secretary of the navy, has been appointed a member of the inaugural committee in charge of the arrangements for the inauguration of President-elect Taft.

Mr. Dane is a Vermonter and a resident of Newport, and before going to Washington two years ago was a popular teacher here, while Mrs. Dane, who is Miss Bertha Aldrich, was a teacher of music in the seminary at the same time. Mr. Dane has been steadily advanced to his present position.

**DEAL FELL THROUGH.**

When Purchasers of Store Ordered Payment Check Stopped.

St. Albans, Feb. 17.—Fred A. Collins is again in possession of the meat market, which he last Wednesday sold to James & Holmes. The newly formed firm, composed of F. B. Jones of Barre and Gerald Holmes of this city, gave Mr. Collins a check in partial payment and soon thereafter ordered the bank not to pay the check.

**BRING BODY  
TO BOSTON****Remains of John B. Moran  
Arrived To-day****THE FUNERAL TO-MORROW**

Alonso D. Moran, His Brother, Accompanied Body from Arizona, Where John Had Gone in Search of Health.

Boston, Feb. 17.—The body of District Attorney John B. Moran arrived this morning from Phoenix, Arizona, where he died recently, and it was taken to the home of his parents in Wakefield, where the funeral will be held to-morrow, with burial in Holy Cross cemetery in Malden. The body was accompanied by his brother, Alonso D. Moran, who went to Arizona on receiving a telegram announcing the death of the district attorney.

The honorary pallbearers will be George Fred Williams, Edward A. McLaughlin, Felix W. McGietrick, John W. Cummings, Michael J. Dwyer and James A. Gallivan.

The active bearers will be Isaac Isaacs, James E. Peeney, William P. Conner, Frank J. Linehan, Edward F. Brady and Maurice M. Lynch.

**MONEY IN BAG OF BEANS.**

Bank Bills Also Hidden Between Leaves of Beans.

St. Albans, Feb. 17.—By a deed, Alfred Greene of St. Albans, who died recently, left all of his property to Mrs. E. W. Mason of the city, and now her good neighbors are wondering concerning the amount which she received. Mr. Greene did not run a bank account, but kept his money concealed in the house. Before his death, he made known to Mrs. Mason where his hidden treasure would be found. Concealed in a bag of beans, a large number of bills was discovered and scattered around between the leaves of some books were other bills. Some gold and silver coins were discovered, but at the Mason home there is no desire to make known the amount of the inheritance.

**CONDITIONAL PARDON.**

Granted Braintrust Man Convicted of Assault to Commit Robbery.

Chelsea, Feb. 17.—Probation officer W. H. Sprague has received notice from the secretary of civil and military affairs that Gov. Putney on the 13th granted a conditional pardon to Frank Campbell of Braintree, who was convicted at the December term of range county court in 1906 of an assault with intent to rob, and sentenced to the house of correction at Rutland for a term of not less than two years and six months nor more than three years.

**MARRIAGE AT PLAINFIELD.**

Stage Driver Van Ornam Takes Miss Mary McGrath as Bride.

Plainfield, Feb. 17.—Roswell Van Ornam of Calais and Miss Mary McGrath of West Pawlet were united in marriage yesterday afternoon at a ceremony performed by Rev. P. B. Fisk. Mr. Van Ornam has driven the Worcester and Montpelier stage for the past few years and is well known in this section. Mrs. Van Ornam has taught school at East Calais for the past two years. Mr. and Mrs. Van Ornam will reside in Calais.

**BRIEF SESSION.**

Of Vermont Supreme Court Being Held at Brattleboro.

Brattleboro, Feb. 17.—The state supreme court met in the Brook's house in special session yesterday. One Windsor county case and four Windham county cases were argued. The most interesting case was that of Frank E. Barber against the Brattleboro selectmen for damages for alleged trespass in laying out a highway on land to which Mr. Barber had title. The session will end today or Thursday.

**PRES. WRIGHT DYING.**

Head of Clark College Has Rheumatism About the Heart.

Worcester, Mass., Feb. 17.—Carroll D. Wright, former commissioner of labor at Washington and now president of Clark college here, is believed to be dying of rheumatism about the heart.

**CHELSEA.**

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. King of Jersey City, N. J., were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. David G. Adams.

News has been received here of the death of Mr. Charlotte (Burroughs) Ryder at the home of her son, George Ryder, in Concord, N. H., and the remains were taken last week to East Brookfield for interment in the family lot in the cemetery at that place. Mrs. Ryder was past eighty years of age and will be remembered as having lived for many years at the Ryder Corner near Corinth Corner but for the last few years having spent the winter months with her son in Concord.

The vital statistics of this town for the year ending December 31, 1908, as shown by the town clerk's records are as follows: Ten marriage certificates issued, all the contracting parties being residents of this town with the exception of two brides who were residents of Tunbridge. Twenty births, twelve of which were males; nineteen deaths, twelve of those being males. Of those of our townpeople who deceased during the past year, one was over 90; four between 80 and 90; eight between 70 and 80; two between 60 and 70; one between 50 and 60; one between 40 and 50; one between 30 and 40; and two who died at birth.

**MONTPELIER CAUCUSES.**

Alderman Lang Won Out Over Dan Donnelly Last Night.

At the citizens' caucuses held in Montpelier last evening in the armory, the nominations for aldermen in the first three wards occurred and for school commissioners in wards five and six. C. A. Lang, present alderman of ward one, was nominated against Daniel T. Donnelly by a large majority. In ward two, C. G. Taft, one of the local coal dealers, defeated Marth McKenna by a vote of 100 to 92. In the third ward George Fitzgerald defeated Levi H. Bixby, cashier of the Montpelier National bank, on the fifth ballot, after A. B. Staples, James Ewing and John Bora had dropped out of the fight. No contest occurred in the other wards for school commissioners. As re-elected they are: Ward four, Frank K. Goss; ward five, Geo. O. Stratton; ward six, Dr. L. A. Newcomb.

**SOME OPPOSITION.**

To Mayor Dawley in Montpelier But He Will Be Renominated.

Although there is some opposition to Mayor Dawley's renomination as mayor of Montpelier it is expected that that official will get the citizens' caucus approval tonight. The opposition fire is scattering, and it is not likely that any man would have much of a chance against Dawley, although some names may be put out as "feelerers." The rest of the ticket will stand about as it is now except that C. A. Gale will probably be nominated for lister to succeed Fred B. Thomas who refused to be considered further.

**TIED UP STREET CARS.**

Worse Storm in a Long Time in Rutland Yesterday.

Rutland, Feb. 17.—The sleet storm yesterday completely tied up street railway cars both in the city and on the line between Rutland and Fair Haven. The railway company say that they have not had so much trouble in many years. Not a single car got around the city belt lines during the day and on the main line only an occasional trip was made. The cars only got as far as West Rutland, the track beyond that being completely buried. Snow plows and sweepers had no effect on the four-inch deep ice that formed on the roadway and the big express cars, which were used as ice breakers, gave little satisfaction. As a last resort the idle motor cars and conductors shouldered picks and axes and cleared the ice.

Trains on the D. & H. and Rutland railroad were generally late in arriving here. Telegraphic and telephone communication was not seriously interfered with but the sleet from such heavy sheets on trees that many shade trees were marred by broken branches.

**COASTING PARTIES CRASH.**

Two Children Seriously Hurt at Lebanon, N. H.

Lebanon, N. H., Feb. 17.—A serious coasting accident occurred at Lebanon, four miles from here, late yesterday afternoon when the four children of Norman Wilson, aged 18, 16, 10 and 8, and three of H. A. Folsom's children, aged 14, 10 and 8, and Bert Keniston, aged 20, were injured. Hall and rain had fallen all day and formed a crust sufficiently strong to hold coasting parties. The children went into a pasture with three double runners and started from the top of a hill closely following each other. All three parties lost control of the sleds, and the leader, the sled with the Wilson children, ran into a stone wall, loosely followed by the others. One Wilson boy had three ribs broken and received internal injuries. The Folsom boys received a cut on the head, one of which was unconscious for three hours. All the other children received minor injuries.

**TICKETS SOLD RAPIDLY.**

Available Supply for Goddard-Spaulling Game Soon Gone.

The tickets for the Spaulding-Goddard basket ball game to-night were placed on public sale this afternoon at two o'clock and were snapped up in a twinkling, showing the interest that is taken in the contest. The public sale was at the Red Cross Pharmacy and Kendrick's drug store. Previously, the tickets had been placed on sale in the two schools. The hall on Church street will not accommodate more than 350 people, so that accounts for the rush. There has never been so much interest in a contest between the two local preparatory schools. The game starts at 8:15.

**"Lucia's Lover" Thursday Night.**

"Lucia's Lover," a farce in three acts, will be given in the Episcopal vestry Thursday evening. The following is the cast:

Polly Chandler (who loves cats)..... Mrs. Thomas Garrity  
Miss Charlotte (a teacher)..... Katherine Stanton  
Miss Mamma Sexton (a Southern girl)..... Edith Lee  
Marcia Summers (a little older than the others)..... Ruth Hovey  
Lucia Lovering (a loveless lass)..... Miss Belle Nelson  
Miss McGregor (a teacher)..... Miss Goldthwaite  
Mrs. Goldthwaite (a widow with an only son)..... Amy Williams  
Chauncey (an adopted child)..... Synopsis: Act I (scene Polly's room on boarding school, dressing room; Chauncey, the cat; Lucia's love letter. Act II (scene, the same; the countersign; the spread; lights out; the secret; fortune telling; a confession. Act III (scene, a reception room in the school; judgment; a widow with an only son; interrupted; a concealed jury; true friendship; Lucia's lover.

Selections will be given by the Mandolin club. Pop corn will be on sale. Admission 15 cents. Curtain rises at 8:15 o'clock.

**TALK OF THE TOWN.**

A regular meeting of uniform rank, Knights of Pythias, Thursday evening. Everybody come.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Stewart returned this noon from a six weeks' visit at the home of their daughter, Mrs. W. L. Messenger, of Norwich.

**SHORT WORK  
BY COUNCIL****At Regular Meeting of City  
Government****LIGHT FOR CITY HALL**

A Few Building Permits Were Granted and Then the Mayor and Aldermen Went Into Executive Session, With No Result.

Twenty minutes was sufficient time for the city council to transact all the business that came before it in open session last evening, and then it went into executive session at the request of Alderman Ladd. A communication from the Consolidated Lighting company was read, in which the company gave its price to the city for the new Tungsten lights that the council had proposed putting into the city buildings. The company's price to the city for the 60 watt light is \$1.05, a reduction of 40 cents from the regular price, and for the 100 watt light \$1.25, a reduction of 50 cents.

Alderman Campbell said that one of these lights would cost the city just a little over what a 16 candle power light cost, and would cut the number of lights down over one half. On motion of Alderman Campbell, it was voted to install the Tungsten lights in the city council chamber and the city clerk's office for the present and ascertain if they worked satisfactorily.

On recommendation of the building inspector it was voted to grant building permits to the Barre Railroad company to erect a small building for the shelter of the flagman at the Prospect street crossing; to Jack Turner to remodel a barn on Merchant street into a house and to Littlejohn, Odgers & Milne to build an addition to their compressor room. This cleared up all of the business on hand, and the council then went into closed session. Nothing was up at the executive session, although there was some discussion.

**A PIONEER ITALIAN.**

Frank Mariani, Who Died To-day, Was One of First of Nationality in Barre.